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Re: Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/814,329  
Our Ref. No.: NGB.388

Dear Examiner Hewitt:

Attached herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 16, 2007. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 10/814,329

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Examiner: James M. Hewitt

For: PIPING CONNECTOR AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to Final Office Action dated July 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the Specification do not add new matter.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.